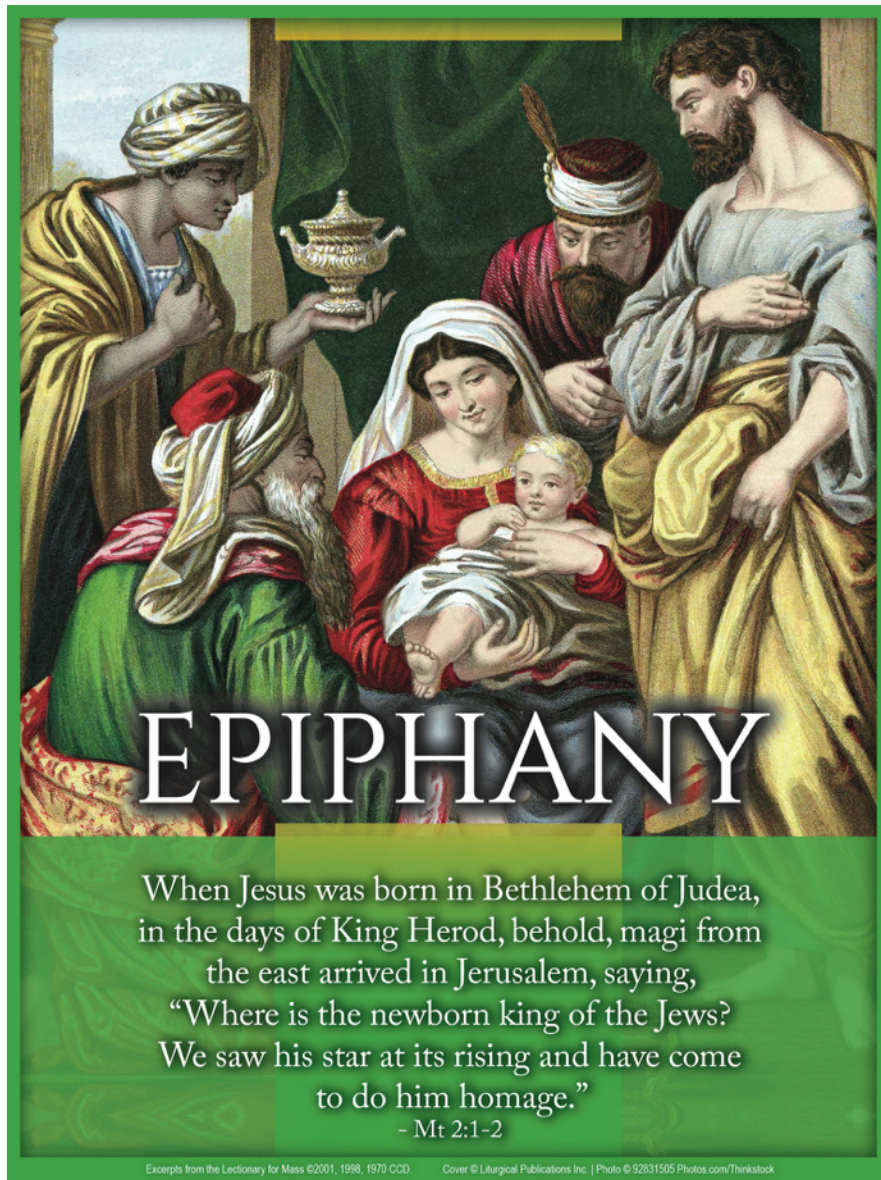


Saint Mary's Catholic Church



January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 77-79

Mass setting: pg. 850 Missa Simplex I (@5pm and 8am)/pg. 876 Missa cum Jubilo (@11)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (before Mass): pg. 1000

Entrance Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old #36

Entrance Antiphon: *Behold the Lord..(pg. 914 #34)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

Offertory Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #34

Communion Antiphon: *We have seen his star...(pg. 914 #36)*

Communion Hymn: We Three Kings #37

Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed #35

Saturday January 6th**Saint Andre Bessette**

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass~ **(James LeMay+)**

Cub Scout Sleepover (FH)

Sunday January 7th**The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass ~ **(Virginia Quintanilla)**

9:00am - PSR (MC)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ **(Edna & Joe Lowry+)**

12:00pm - Confirmation (MC)

4:30 - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass ~ **(Pete Madrid+)****Monday January 8th****The Baptism of the Lord**

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass **(Holy Souls in Purgatory)**

6:30pm - K of C General mtg. (MC)

6:30pm - Scout Committee mtg. (MC)

Tuesday January 9th

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass **(Karen Swarm)****Adoration after Noon Mass
until 6:00pm**

6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)

6:30pm - Scouts

Wednesday January 10th**Saint Nicanor, Deacon**

10:15am - CGS Atrium (MC Basement)

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass ~ ~ Extraordinary Form - **(Francis Martin+)****Adoration to begin after noon Mass today through Thursday
evening @ 6:00pm.****Thursday January 11th**

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - **(Pete Madrid+)**

6:30pm - Choir practice (C) 8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

6:30pm - A & R General mtg. (MC)

Friday January 12th**Saint Benedict Bishop, Bishop**

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass~ Extraordinary Form - **(Dixie Altman)****Saturday January 13th Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass~ **(Rev. Charles Jones+)****Sunday January 14th****Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass ~ **(Hugo Quintanilla)**

9:00am - PSR (MC)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ **(David Barrett)**

4:30 - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass ~ **(St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)****PARISH OFFICE**

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Keeping all these things in our hearts....By Sister M. Regina

Epiphany

Our Christmas celebration reaches its high point in the celebration of Epiphany. In the Christian East, Epiphany is celebrated with greater solemnity than Christmas; while for us, in the West, Christmas tends to be the highlight. The word “epiphany” means “manifestation.” On Christmas Day, we celebrate Christ’s birth; on Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of His Divinity. In his reflection on the feast of the Epiphany, Dom Prosper Guéranger, O.S.B., writes:

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath *appeared* to us already in love; but to this it adds its own *manifestation* of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God Himself calls the whole world to *adore* this Jesus, and *hear Him*.

We most often associate Epiphany with the three Kings or Magi, because the Sacred Liturgy emphasizes this manifestation in the readings for the day. The Divinity of Jesus was made known to the three Kings or wise men, who represent all the nations, including the pagans. There are two other events which are also celebrated at Epiphany: the Baptism of our Lord at the Jordan and the Wedding at Cana. At both events, Jesus’ Divinity is made known: at the Baptism, the voice of the Father is heard to say, “This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased.” At the wedding at Cana, Jesus performed the first miracle. A human person cannot perform a miracle; miracles are therefore a sign of Jesus’ Divinity. In the Divine Office for Epiphany, one of the antiphons mentions all three manifestations. It reads: “This day is the Church joined unto the Heavenly Bridegroom, since Christ hath washed away her sins in Jordan; the wise men hasten with gifts to the marriage supper of the King; and they that sit at meat together make merry with water turned into wine. Alleluia.”

There are a number of beautiful customs associated with the celebration of Epiphany. On the Vigil of Epiphany there is a special blessing for “Epiphany Water.” Epiphany water is holy water, but holy water “fortified” with many prayers and with additional exorcisms (driving out of evil spirits). Father Matthew confected and distributed Epiphany water last year, as you may recall.

On Epiphany, too, there is the custom of blessing the home. Below you will find the rite for the blessing of the home. You may ask Father Matthew or another priest to conduct the rite, but, if there is no priest available, the head of the family may also lead the prayers. Sacramentals such as Epiphany water and customs such as the blessing of the home at Epiphany are important means to express and to live our faith in our everyday life in the home. By keeping alive beautiful Catholic customs, we help to build a truly Catholic culture, beginning with the culture of our own homes.

Epiphany Blessing of the Home

If a priest is present, he leads; otherwise, the head of the family is the leader.

All present go from room to room, blessing each room with holy water and praying the following prayer:

Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of *happiness* and *peace*, *love* and *affection*. May the spirit of *pardon* and *affection* reside with us and be always ready to heal our divisions. May the spirits of *joy* and *laughter*, *hope* and *faith*, *playfulness* and *prayer*, *compassion* and *love* be perpetual guests in our home. May God’s holy blessing rest upon us all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

As the leader inscribes the initials of the three Magi above the exterior doorways using the blessed chalk, the following prayer is prayed:

Inscription for the year 2018: 20 + C + M + B + 18

Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with *respect* and *kindness*. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God’s loving care. May we *seek* and *serve*, in everyone we meet, Jesus Who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



***On Monday, January 22nd, the study group for the *Basic Catholic Catechism* Course will resume at 10:30 A.M.**

January 6 & 7, 2018

1st Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
needed

8:00am - T&T Spooner

11:00am - A Talato

Lectors:

5:00pm - T. Douglas

8:00am - J. Riley

11:00am - E. Ball

Weekend Office:

5, 8, 11:00 Masses
Volunteers needed

January 13 & 14, 2018

2nd Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
needed

8:00am - A Holloway

11:00am - A Talato,

Lectors:

5:00pm - J. LeMay

8:00am - L. Gibbons

11:00am - C. Vlasin

Weekend Office:

5:00pm & 8:00am -
Volunteers needed
11:00am - M Mitchell

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Patty Rittel, Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen,
Betty Underwood, Shirley Fraher, Annie Moran,
Alondra Gonzales, Brandon Vasquez, Ruth
Stewart, Alice DeMoss, Patrick Holloway, Dee
Renneke, Mary Richter, Jeff Gray, Paul Juarez,
David Barrett, Gary & Doris Riebel, Sara Diaz,
Rick Turner

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:**

SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks
AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Korea, (Nephew of Ken &
Karen Klingele)
Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendelton, CA (Grandson
of Marilyn Pontalio)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf)
Command Chaplain
SGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC
(Grandson of Jean Wilcox)

Collection: 12/24/17	7,104
12/31/17	4,799
End of year total:	251,408

****St. Mary's winter weather policy****

**When Independence Schools close due to
snow and ice, the parish offices will also be
closed, and all parish events will be canceled.**

**If the Independence Schools close because of
cold only, the parish offices will remain open,
and parish events will continue.**

***Masses will not be cancelled due to weather.**

**If there is snow and/or ice on Sundays, Parish
School of Religion families may call the parish
line (252-0121) and listen to the recorded
message to check for class cancellation after
7:00am.**

**Confirmation students will be sent class
cancellations via text.**

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.
11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts
10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk
1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf.
1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1,
4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5,
7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
[27b]/Mk 1:40-45

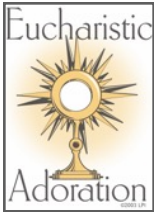
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,
6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,
10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Can you spend an hour with the Lord every week in Adoration?

We have an open hour that needs an adorer from 4 - 5pm on Thursdays. Please prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with the Lord in quiet adoration this new year.

If you are not able to commit every week but would be willing to fill in now and then, we could always use a few more people on our substitute list as well. Please call Debbie in the office if you are able to help out. 252-0121 ext 110.

Monday, January 8th

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today marks the official end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Along with the wedding at Cana and the story of the Magi, this story reveals God's presence among us. Adrien Nocent, OSB says, "The baptism of Christ, leads us even more deeply into the paschal mystery. For the baptism of Christ in the Jordan manifests the fact that salvation is now given to all: sin is destroyed" As Jesus comes up from the water, God reveals that Jesus is his beloved Son. Because of the waters of Baptism, we share in the life that Jesus promised. We have a share in the Kingdom and are required to work that all people have peace, justice, and love. Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

You Are Invited

**World Marriage Day Mass
Sunday, February 11, 2018 ~ 2:00pm
Church of the Ascension
9510 W 127th St., Overland Park, KS.
Archbishop Joseph Naumann (presider)
Bishop James Johnston (homilist)**

DIVORCED. CATHOLIC. NOW WHAT?

Learn to navigate Life After Divorce with **JOURNEY OF HOPE DIVORCE MINISTRY** Please join us for this free seminar discussing many common issues divorced Catholics face and discover how our Catholic faith stands ready to offer support, healing, and new life. Learn about the complete Journey of Hope pro-gram to be offered in parishes throughout the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph in the coming year. If you are a divorced Catholic or have a loved-one facing this difficulty, you won't want to miss this event! For more information, please contact the Family Life Office at 816.714.2371.

The following free seminars will be offered:

- January 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Guardian Angels Parish, 1310 Westport Road, Kansas City, 64111
- January 21, 2018, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., St. Gabriel Parish, 4737 N. Cleveland, Kansas City, 64117
- January 22, 2018, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 4503 Frederick Boulevard, St. Joseph, 64506
- February 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish, 2 E. 75th Street, Kansas City, 64114
- March 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Our Lady of the Presentation Parish, 130 NW Murray Road, Lee's Summit, 64081



12TH VALOR AND VIRTUE CONFERENCE

For Christians seeking lives of integrity and sexual purity for themselves and their children, with keynote speakers Josh McDowell and Christopher West. It is designed for adults, singles, engaged, parents, and teens. Due to the mature content of this day, this conference is recommended for those 13 years and older with a parent/guardian.

Join us Saturday, February 3, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Abundant Life Church, 304 SW Persels, Lee's Summit, 64081. Tickets can be purchased online at www.kcvalor.com for \$29 per individual or \$49 per couple through February 1st. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$39 and \$59